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- ❑ The text of the statement shall not exceed 250 words. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code § 9.
- ❑ The statement should be typewritten, double-spaced, and in standard paragraph style. Do not use bullets, tables, lists, or other material requiring indentation.
- ❑ Words that are underlined, in italics, in bold, or in all upper-case letters will be typeset in italics.
- ❑ The statement shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character or activities. Moreover, the statement shall not contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements, nor any obscene or profane language, statements or insinuations.
- ❑ The statement shall be written in the first person and limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications.
- ❑ The statement shall be accompanied by a declaration executed under penalty of perjury declaring that the information contained therein is true and correct.
- ❑ Statements shall be printed in the California Voter Information Guide (a.k.a. Ballot Pamphlet) in the order determined by a random alphabet drawn in substantially the same manner as provided in Elections Code §13112. Rotation of names (as provided in Elections Code §13111) shall not apply.

FORM 501 FILING – COPY

- ❑ Form 501 Candidate Intention Statements for candidates running for statewide elective office **must** be filed at the Secretary of State's Office, Political Reform Division, 1500 11th Street, Fourth Floor - Room 495, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- ❑ A properly filed Form 501 (bearing the Secretary of State's Office date stamp), which indicates the candidate's acceptance of the voluntary expenditure limit, **must** accompany the candidate statement package.

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PAYMENT FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENT

- ❑ In order to obtain a statement in the California Voter Information Guide, payment in the amount of \$20.00 per word not to exceed \$5,000.00 must be included with the candidate statement package.
- ❑ If a payment for the candidate statement is not received, or if the payment is made by a check and it does not clear the candidate's banking institution before the end of the Voter Information Guide public display period (March 13, 2006), the candidate statement **will not** be printed in the California Voter Information Guide.
- ❑ If payment is made by check, the check amount should be left blank with a note on the check indicating that the check is "Not to exceed \$5,000.00." The Secretary of State's Office will forward to the candidate a copy of the executed check for their records.
- ❑ A check or money order must be made out to the *Secretary of State*.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- ❑ The candidate statement must be filed and received by the Secretary of State's Elections Division **no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 14, 2006**. The candidate statements shall be filed with the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 1500 11th Street - Fifth Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 – Attention: Jana Lean.
- ❑ If the Secretary of State's Elections Division has not received a candidate statement by the established deadline, it **will not** be printed in the California Voter Information Guide.
- ❑ Should the Office of the Secretary of State disqualify any statement based on these provisions, the Secretary of State shall immediately notify the candidate of the specific objections. The candidate may address the objections by making appropriate changes.
- ❑ No statement filed shall be made public or shall be available for viewing until the entire California Voter Information Guide is available for public examination, beginning February 21, 2006 pursuant to Government Code § 88006 and Elections Code § 9092.
- ❑ All statements filed shall be subject to examination and challenge pursuant to the provisions of Elections Code § 9092 and Government Code § 88006.
- ❑ A statement may be withdrawn, but shall not be changed once it is filed.